

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 03333 01 OF 03 131340Z

43

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 NEA-10 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 DPW-01 AID-20

SCA-01 DRC-01 SAJ-01 ACDA-19 /197 W

----- 082358

P R 131103Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2634

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON PRIORITY

USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 0628

USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

USDEL JEC PARIS

USLO PEKING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 03333 01 OF 03 131340Z

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 3 SAIGON 3333

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR VS

SUBJECT: GVN NOTES TO PARIS PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF
PRISONERS AND REPLYING TO DRV NOTE

1. SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUEST: THERE FOLLOWS TEXT OF TWO GVN NOTES DATED MARCH 12 SENT TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIETNAM. ACTION REQUEST. ACTION ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PASS THESE TEXTS TO THE GVN REPRESENTATIVES IN THEIR HOST COUNTRIES WITH THE INFORMATION THAT THEY WILL BE RELEASED TO PRESS AT 1000 AM SAIGON TIME MARCH 14. END SUMMARY AND ACTION REQUESTJM

2. BEGIN TEXT: NO. #568/BNG. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE SIGNED AT PARIS ON 2 MARCH 1973 AND HAS THE HONOUR TO BRING TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES THE FACT THAT, AS A RESULT OF THE LATEST EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS WHICH TOOK PLACE FROM 8 FEBRUARY 1974 TO 7 MARCH 1974, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS RETURNED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE THE REMAINING 3,506 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WAS STILL HOLDING.

2. IN ADDITION, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ALSO RELEASED 130 MILITARY PERSONNEL.

3. THUS, THE TOTAL OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS RETURNED TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE SINCE THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT NUMBERS RESPECTIVELY 26,880 AND 5,081 PERSONS.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IN FULL COMPLIANCE WITH THE PARIS AGREEMENT HAS CONSIDERED THE ISSUE OF EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AS ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT TASKS OF THE TWO-PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION AND CONSEQUENTLY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS CONTINUOUSLY DISPLAYED A GREAT SENSE OF COOPERATION AND GOOD WILL WITHIN THE COMMISSION.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAIGON 03333 01 OF 03 131340Z

5. THE COMMUNISTS WOULD HAVE THE WORLD BELIEVE THAT THEY HAVE EARNESTLY CONTRIBUTED TO THE PROGRESS OF THE EXCHANGE, BUT THE RECORD SHOWS QUITE THE OPPOSITE: THAT THEY HAVE SYSTEMATICALLY STRIVED TO HAMPER THE WHOLE PROCESS. THE FOLLOWING FACTS WILL TESTIFY TO THIS:

--A CHINOOK HELICOPTER USED FOR THE TRANSPORT OF PRISONERS WAS FIRED UPON BY COMMUNIST AUTOMATIC RIFLES ON 7 MARCH 1974, ON

ITS RETURN TRIP FROM AN EXCHANGE MISSION AT LOC NINH. ONE MEMBER OF THE CREW WAS KILLED.

--ANOTHER HELICOPTER ON A SIMILAR MISSION WAS ALSO FIRED UPON AND DAMAGED ON 26 FEBRUARY 1974.

--ON 30 APRIL 1973, AN AMBULANCE VEHICLE WAS DESTROYED BY A COMMUNIST MINE AT THE EXCHANGE SITE IN THE PROVINCE OF BINH DINH. TWO MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TEAM WERE KILLED, AND THE DRIVER OF THE CAR WAS WOUNDED.

--ON THE SAME DAY, AN M2 BOAT RESERVED FOR THE EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS IN QUANG TRI PROVINCE WAS DESTROYED BY A COMMUNIST MINE, KILLING TWO MEMBERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM TEAM.

--ON 25 MARCH 1973, A CHINOOK HELICOPTER OF THE ARMED FORCES OF THEREPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WAS FIRED UPON BY THE COMMUNIST FORCES NEAR THE EXCHANGE SITE OF DUC PHO, IN THE PROVINCE OF QUANG NGAI.

--ON 12 DECEMBER 1973, A COMMUNIST MINE WAS DETONATED LESS THAN 100 METERS FROM THE EXCHANGE SITE OF BONG SON, IN THE PROVINCE OF BINH DINH. TWO SOLDIERS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WHO WERE IN CHARGE OF ESCORTING A GROUP OF COMMUNIST MILITARY PERSONNEL TO THE RELEASE SITE WERE KILLED ON THE SPOT. FOUR OTHERS WERE SERIOUSLY WOUNDED.

6. IN ADDITION TO THESE CRIMINAL ACTS, THE COMMUNIST SIDE ALSO RESORTED TO DELAYING TACTICS, OBSTRUCTION OUTRIGHT BLACKMAIL, THREATS AND BRUTALITY TO RELEASED PRISONERS WITH THE OBVIOUS AIM OF HAMPERING AS MUCH AS POSSIBLE THE WHOLE PROCESS OF EXCHANGE.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 SAIGON 03333 01 OF 03 131340Z

7. THE COMMUNIST SIDE ALSO COMMITTED A GROSS BREACH BOTH OF THE COMMONLY ACCEPTED RULES OR LAWS OF CIVILIZED WARFARE AND INTERNATIONAL PRACTICE IN THEIR INHUMANE TREATMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRISONERS. A GREAT NUMBER OF THESE PRISONERS WERE DECLARED DEAD BY THE COMMUNISTS WHEN THE EXCHANGES TOOK PLACE. THUS, AT LEAST 6 PER CENT OF THE PRISONERS DIED IN COMMUNIST CAMPS, WHICH REPRESENTS AN EXCESSIVELY HIGH DEATH RATE FOR PRISONERS OF WAR. MOREOVER, ALMOST ALL THE PRISONERS RELEASED BY THE COMMUNISTS WERE EITHER SERIOUSLY ILL OR IN SUCH A PRECARIOUS STATE OF HEALTH THAT THEY HAD TO BE HOSPITALIZED AND GIVEN IMMEDIATE AND INTENSIVE CARE. IT IS CLEAR FROM THESE STARK FACTS THAT THE COMMUN
E E E E E E E

ADP000

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 03333 02 OF 03 131613Z

43

ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 NEA-10 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 DPW-01 AID-20

SCA-01 SAJ-01 DRC-01 ACDA-19 /197 W

----- 083919

P R 131103Z MAR 74

FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2635

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON PRIORITY

USUN NEW YORK PRIORITY 0629

USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY

INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST

AMEMBASSY MOSCOW

AMEMBASSY PARIS

AMEMBASSY WARSAW

USDEL JEC PARIS

USLO PEKING

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 03333 02 OF 03 131613Z

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 3 SAIGON 3333

12. BEGIN TEXT: NO. 572/BNG. THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM PRESENTS ITS COMPLIMENTS TO THE

PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM SIGNED AT PARIS ON 2 MARCH 1973, AND HAS THE HONOUR TO DRAW THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE FOLLOWING.

13. ON 2 MARCH 1964, THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION ANNOUNCED THAT IT HAS SENT A NOTE TO SOME PARTIES TO THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM, ACCUSING THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OF VIOLATING THE AGREEMENT ON ENDING THE WAR AND RESTORING PEACE IN VIET-NAM AND THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM. THESE FALSE ALLEGATIONS, WHICH HAVE BEEN MADE FOR THE OBVIOUS PURPOSE OF SCORING SOME PUBLICITY GAINS, DO NOT REALLY DESERVE ANY REPLY, BUT THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM DEEMS IT NECESSARY TO SET THE RECORD STRAIGHT BY RECALLING SOME IMPORTANT FACTS WHICH ACCOUNT FOR THE PRESENT SITUATION IN VIET-NAM.

14. THE MOST IMPORTANT OF THESE FACTS IS THAT THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS ALWAYS SHOWN ITS FIRM INTENTION TO IMPLEMENT SERIOUSLY ALL THE PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT OF 27 JANUARY 1973 AND ITS RELATED PROTOCOLS AS WELL AS THOSE OF THE ACT OF THE INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCE ON VIET-NAM.

15. THUS, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 2 AND 3 OF THE ACCORD, THE ARMED FORCES OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE BEEN GIVEN STRICT INSTRUCTIONS TO OBSERVE SCRUPULOUSLY THE CEASE-FIRE PROVISIONS.

16. ALL REPLACEMENT OF ARMS AND MILITARY EQUIPMENT BY THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAVE BEEN LEGALLY MADE ON THE ONE-FOR-ONE BASIS. FOR THAT PURPOSE, THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM HAS PROMPTLY INFORMED THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF THE DESIGNATION OF ITS SIX POINTS OF ENTRY.

17. AS TO THE EXCHANGE OF CAPTURED PERSONNEL, THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM IMMEDIATELY AFTER THE SIGNING OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAIGON 03333 02 OF 03 131613Z

MADE PUBLIC A LIST OF 26,750 COMMUNIST PRISONERS OF WAR AND 5,081 COMMUNIST CIVILIAN PERSONNEL IT DETAINED. THE EXCHANGE THEN TOOK PLACE FROM FEBRUARY TO JULY 1973, DURING WHICH TIME THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM RETURNED TO THE OTHER SIDE ALL THE PRISONERS OF WAR AND 1,575 OF THE CIVILIAN DETAINEES. HOWEVER, THE COMMUNIST SIDE WILFULLY CREATED A SITUATION WHEREBY THE EXCHANGE WAS INTERRUPTED FROM JULY 1973 TO FEBRUARY 1974. ONLY THE UTMOST PATIENCE AND GOOD WILL OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM ENABLED THE EXCHANGE TO RESUME IN FEBRUARY 1974. WHEN THE CURRENT EXCHANGE OF DETAINED PERSONNEL IS COMPLETED, THE ENTIRE NUMBER OF COMMUNIST PRISONERS HELD BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WILL HAVE BEEN RETURNED TO THE OTHER SIDE.

18. WITH REGARD TO THE IMPORTANT ISSUE OF THE POLITICAL FUTURE OF SOUTH VIET-NAM, IT WAS WITH THE AIM OF ALLOWING THE SOUTH VIETNAMESE PEOPLE TO EXERCISE THEIR SACRED AND INALIENABLE RIGHT OF SELF-DETERMINATION AS GUARANTEED BY ARTICLE 9 OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT THAT THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM THREE TIMES PROPOSED A SPECIFIC DATE FOR THE HOLDING OF FREE ELECTIONS. THE LATEST PROPOSAL SUGGESTED THE DATE OF 20 JULY 1974 FOR THE HOLDING OF GENERAL ELECTIONS AND OFFERED A CONCRETE TIME-TABLE FOR THE SOLUTION OF ALL PENDING MILITARY AND POLITICAL MATTERS BETWEEN THE TWO SIDES, SUCH AS THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE NATIONAL COUNCIL OF NATIONAL RECONCILIATION AND CONCORD, THE GUARANTEE OF DEMOCRATIC LIBERTIES OF THE PEOPLE, AND THE QUESTION OF VIETNAMESE ARMED FORCES IN SOUTH VIET-NAM. THESE PROPOSALS HAVE NEVER RECEIVED ANY CONSTRUCTIVE RESPONSE FROM THE COMMUNIST SIDE.

19. ON 26 JANUARY 1974, IN A NEW EFFORT TO BREAK THIS DEADLOCK AND TO EXPLORE ALL THE PATHS SUSCEPTIBLE OF LEADING TO PEACE IN VIET-NAM, THE MINISTER OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM DECLARED HIS READINESS TO MEET THE FOREIGN MINISTER OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OR ANY HIGH RANKING REPRESENTATIVE OF THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION TO NEGOTIATE THE REESTABLISHMENT OF NORMAL RELATIONS BETWEEN THE NORTH AND THE SOUTH, AS CALLED FOR BY ARTICLE 15 OF THE AGREEMENT, AND AT THE SAME TIME TO DISCUSS ALL MEASURES AIMING AT REDUCING THE TENSION IN SOUTH VIET-NAM.

UNFORTUNATELY THIS APPEAL HAS SIMILARLY MET WITH NO RESPONSE

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 SAIGON 03333 02 OF 03 131613Z

FROM THE OTHER SIDE.

20. IN CONTRAST TO THE GOOD WILL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION AND THE SO-CALLED PROVISIONAL REVOLUTIONARY GOVERNMENT, WITH COMPLETE DISREGARD FOR PUBLIC OPINION, HAVE REPEATEDLY AND BRAZENLY VIOLATED ALL PROVISIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, INCLUDING THOSE CONCERNING THE CEASE-FIRE, THE EXCHANGE OF CIVILIAN AND MILITARY DETAINEES, AND THE SEARCH FOR THE PERSONNEL DEAD OR MISSING IN ACTION. THEY HAVE ALSO BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN PREVENTING THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION AND THE TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION FROM CARRYING OUT THEIR RESPECTIVE DUTIES.

21. ON THE PROBLEM OF CEASE-FIRE, IT IS SIGNIFICANT THAT THE COMMUNIST SIDE CLEARLY DISCLOSED ITS INTENTIONS THROUGH DIRECTIVES NO. 02/CT73/TUC/MN AND NO. 03/CT73/TUC/MN OF 19 JANUARY 1973 AND 30 MARCH 1973 AND "RESOLUTION NO. 4R" ISSUED BY THE SELF-STYLED "PRG" POLITBURO: THESE DIRECTIVES AND THIS RESOLUTION ORDERED THE COMMUNIST MILIT

E E E E E E E

ADP000
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 SAIGON 03333 03 OF 03 131527Z

43
ACTION EA-14

INFO OCT-01 ARA-16 EUR-25 NEA-10 IO-14 ISO-00 CIAE-00

DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-07 PA-04

RSC-01 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 DPW-01 AID-20

SCA-01 SAJ-01 DRC-01 ACDA-19 /197 W
----- 083514

P R 131103Z MAR 74
FM AMEMBASSY SAIGON
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 2636
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY BONN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY BRASILIA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY BRUSSELS PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY BUENOS AIRES PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY JAKARTA PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY KUALA LUMPUR PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY LONDON PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY NEW DELHI PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY OSLO PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY PHNOM PENH PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY ROME PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY SINGAPORE PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY STOCKHOLM PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY TEHRAN PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY TOKYO PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE PRIORITY
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON PRIORITY
USUN NEW YOR PRIORITY 0630
USMISSION GENEVA PRIORITY
INFO AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMEMBASSY PARIS
AMEMBASSY WARSAW
USDEL JEC PARIS
USLO PEKING
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 SAIGON 03333 03 OF 03 131527Z

UNCLAS SECTION 3 OF 3 SAIGON 3333

23. THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM WISHES TO CALL THE PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THE SYSTEMATIC AND SAVAGE USE OF TERROR WHICH THE COMMUNIST SIDE HAS LET LOOSE AGAINST OUR CIVILIAN POPULATION. IN ONE VERY RECENT CASE WHICH OCCURRED ON 9 MARCH 1974, THE COMMUNIST FORCES CYNICALLY SHELLED AN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL IN CAI LAY DISTRICT, PROVINCE OF DINH TUONG, AND KILLED AT LEAST 23 CHILDREN, WHILE WOUNDING 43 MORE. THIS BARBARIC AND SADISTIC ACT, WHICH HAS INCENSED THE FEELINGS OF THE PEOPLE OF VIET-NAM, MUST BE CONDEMNED BY WORLD OPINION IN THE STRONGEST TERMS. IT IS OUTRAGES LIKE THESE WHICH, OVER THE YEARS, HAVE CREATED IN SOUTH VIET-NAM A CLIMATE OF HATRED AND VICIOUSNESS FOR WHICH THE COMMUNISTS OF NORTH VIET-NAM, WITH THEIR RELENTLESS ATTACK UPON THE PEOPLE OF THE SOUTH, MUST BEAR FULL RESPONSIBILITY.

24. CONCERNING THE EXCHANGE OF DETAINEES, THE COMMUNISTS HAVE DELIBERATELY HINDERED THE ENTIRE PROCESS.

25. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE DETAINING ONLY 637 MILITARY AND 5,428 CIVILIAN PERSONNEL OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, WHEN OUR COGERNMENT'S RECORDS SHOW THAT THE NUMBERS WOULD BE RESPECTIVELY 31,891 AND 70,892.

26. THEY CLAIM THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO FACILITATE THE EXCHANGE, BUT WHEN IT TAKES PLACE, THEY RESORT TO OBSTRUCTIONISM, DILATORY TACTICS, FALSE CHARGES, UNACCEPTABLE PRESSURE ON THE DETAINEES, AND EVEN OUTRIGHT SABOTAGE. FOR EXAMPLE, ON 7 MARCH 1974 AT 1250 HOURS, A TWO PARTY JOINT MILITARY COMMISSION HELICOPTER RETURNING FROM AN EXCHANGE SESSION IN LOC NINH WAS SAVAGELY FIRED UPON BY COMMUNIST FORCES AND A MEMBER OF THE HELICOPTER CREW WAS KILLED OUTRIGHT.

27. THE FACT OF THE MATTER IS THAT THE ENTIRE EXCHANGE OF MILITARY AND CIVILIAN PERSONNEL WHICH WAS CONCLUDED ON 7 MARCH 1974 (AND WHICH EVEN INCLUDED A GENEROUS RELEASE BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM OF 130 NORTH VIETNAMESE ARMY PERSONNEL IN EXCESS OF THE NUMBER PREVIOUSLY AGREED UPON) COULD ONLY HAVE BEEN COMPLETED AS A RESULT OF THE GREAT SENSE
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 SAIGON 03333 03 OF 03 131527Z

OF RESPONSIBILITY, THE GENUINE HUMANITARIAN CONCERN FOR THE FATE OF DETAINEES ON BOTH SIDES, AND EXCEPTIONAL PATIENCE WHICH WERE CONSISTENTLY DEMONSTRATED BY THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM.

28. ANOTHER POINT WHICH SHOWS THE CALLOUSNESS OF THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION AND ITS AUXILIARY ORGANIZATION IN THE SOUTH-- THE SELF-STYLED "PRG"--RELATES TO THE ACTIVITIES OF THE FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM WHOSE MISSION IS TO SEARCH FOR THE DEAD AND MISSING IN ACTION, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 8(B)

OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT. THE COMMUNIST SIDE'S ATTITUDE HAS BEEN UNCEASINGLY ONE OF NON-COOPERATION, OBSTRUCTION, AND SABOTAGE. THUS, THEY SHOT DOWN A FOUR PARTY JOINT MILITARY TEAM HELICOPTER IN TAM KY ON 15 MARCH 1973, DETONATED A HAND GRENADE ON A REGULAR LIAISON FLIGHT'S AIRCRAFT BETWEEN HANOI AND SAIGON ON 8 MAY 1973, BROUGHT DOWN GEAM'S HELICOPTER IN THE DISTRICT OF BINH CHANH ON 15 DECEMBER 1973. IN THE LAST INSTANCE, THE COMMUNIST FORCES COLD-BLOODEDLY MURDERED THE SURVIVORS OF THE DOWNED HELICOPTER.

29. THE SAME RUTHLESSNESS AND CYNICISM ON THE PART OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE CAN BE SEEN IN THE TREATMENT IT HAS METED OUT TO THE INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION FOR CONTROL AND SUPERVISION: NOT ONLY DOES IT PREVENT THE COMMISSION FROM DEPLOYING ITS PERSONNEL TO THOSE FEW AREAS WHICH IT IS TEMPORARILY CONTROLLING, IT HAS SHELLED THE COMMISSION SITES ON SEVERAL OCCASIONS IN THE PAST (HONG NGU ON 2, 4 AND 5; APRIL 1973; TRITON ON 18 JULY 1973), HAS HELD PRISONERS AND ILL-TREATED TWO CANADIAN MEMBERS OF THE COMMISSION. THE ACTIONS OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE REACHED THE HEIGHTS OF BRAZENNESS WHEN THEY SHOT DOWN A PLAINLY MARKED INTERNATIONAL COMMISSION OF CONTROL AND SUPERVISION HELICOPTER AT LAO BAO ON 7 APRIL 1973, KILLING FIVE COMMISSION MEMBERS.

30. FROM THIS BRIEF SUMMATION OF THE HOSTILE ACTIVITIES OF THE COMMUNISTS IN THE SOUTH--ACTIVITIES WHICH THE PARIS AGREEMENT EXPLICITLY PROHIBITED,--IT IS CLEAR THAT THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION AND ITS FRONT ORGANIZATION, THE SO-CALLED "PRG", HAVE DELIBERATELY COMMITTED THEMSELVES TO A SYSTEMATIC POLICY OF VIOLATIONS OF THE PARIS AGREEMENT, WITH THE ULTIMATE AND OPENLY PROCLAIMED OBJECTIVE OF CONQUERING, THE REPUBLIC OF
UNCLASSIFIED
UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 04 SAIGON 03333 03 OF 03 131527Z

VIET-NAM BY FORCE OF ARMS. LEST WORLD OPINION FORGET THESE REALITIES, THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM AGAIN HAS CALLED THE ATTENTION OF THE PARTIES TO THESE ACTS OF AGGRESSION OF THE COMMUNIST SIDE AND APPEALED TO THE PARTIES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE MEASURES TO PREVENT THE SITUATION FROM REVERTING TO A LARGE-SCALE WAR.

31. IN THE VIEW OF THE GOVERNMENT OF THE REPUBLIC OF VIET-NAM, ONLY THE PARIS AGREEMENT WILL RECREATE CONDITIONS CONDUCTIVE TO A GENUINE PEACE IN INDOCHINA AND TO A SATISFACTORY POLITICAL SOLUTION FOR SOUTH VIET-NAM. IT REMAINS TO BE SEEN WHETHER THE HANOI ADMINISTRATION
E E E E E E E

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: ARMISTICE, AIR TRANSPORTATION, DIPLOMATIC NOTES, POW RETURN
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 13 MAR 1974
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1974SAIGON03333
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: SAIGON
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1974/newtext/t19740346/aaaabroc.tel
Line Count: 482
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION EA
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 9
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: golinofr
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 11 JUL 2002
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <11 JUL 2002 by elbezefj>; APPROVED <17 JUL 2002 by golinofr>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: GVN NOTES TO PARIS PARTICIPANTS CONCERNING EXCHANGE OF PRISONERS AND REPLYING TO DRV NOTE
TAGS: PFOR, MOPS, VS, VN, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005